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SUBJECT: ESPOUSED CLAIM OF RAYTHEON CORPORATION AND MACHLETT
LABORATORIES

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1. EMBASSY HAS MADE SEVERAL DEMARCHES TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS (MFA) ON RAYTHEON CASE SINCE DECEMBER 2 DISCUSSIONS
WITH MFA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS RICCIULLI, RE-
PORTED IN REF B, BUT STATUS HAS NOT CHANGED.

2. IN JANUARY 25, 1976 MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CESIDIO
GUAZZARONI, THEN DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AT
MFA, ECMIN REMINDED GUAZZARONI OF EARLIER DEMARCHE TO
MINISTER RICCIULLI AND ASKED THAT MINISTRY EXPEDITE RESPONSE
TO RAYTHEON CLAIM. IN MARCH 26 TALKS WITH COUNSELOR SCAGLIA,
CHIEF, OFFICE I, DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF
MFA, ECMIN INQUIRED WHETHER THERE WAS ANY NEWS ON CASE AND
SCAGLIA REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE.

3. FOLLOWING THE RETIREMENT IN LATE APRIL OF AMBASSADOR
GUAZZARONI, MOST SENIOR MFA OFFICER INFORMED ABOUT THE
CASE, DCM AND ECMIN CALLED ON GUAZZARONI'S SUCCESSOR,
AMBASSADOR MARIO MONDELLO, ON MAY 10. EMBOFFICERS GAVE
A COMPLETE SET OF ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION TO MONDELLO,
INCLUDING COPIES OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO OUR FIRST

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OFFICIAL DEMARCHE (NOTE VERBALE NO. 51, FEBRUARY 7, 1974),
TRANSLATION OF VOLUMINOUS DOCUMENTATION, AND THE DECEMBER

2, 1975 AIDE-MEMOIRE TO RICCIULLI REPEATING THAT WE WERE PREPARED TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS TO SETTLE THE CLAIM. EMB-OFFICERS BRIEFED MONDELLO, STRESSING THAT A DECISION ON CASE BY MFA WAS LONG OVERDUE AND EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER CONTINUED DELAYS. MONDELLO WAS NONCOMMITTAL BUT SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO MATTER.

4. CLEARLY, DECISION TO ENTER NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS CLAIM WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY GOI AT POLITICAL LEVEL. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT NOTHING WILL BE DONE BY MFA UNTIL AFTER JUNE 20 ELECTIONS. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY PLANS FOR THE AMBASSADOR TO RAISE ISSUE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OR MFA SECRETARY GENERAL AFTER NEW GOVERNMENT IS FORMED. FOR THAT DEMARCHE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY AVAILABLE UPDATE OF OPINIONS, FACTS, AND ARGUMENTATION TO SUPPLEMENT THE POINTS MADE IN OUR FIRST DEMARCHE IN FEBRUARY 7, 1974.
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